

twenty-nine years ago and instituted the Frank P. Perrucci Scholarship Award for students.

For more than fifty years of extraordinary service to the City of Bayonne, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this remarkable couple on receiving the Bayonne Historical Society, Inc.'s "Lifetime Achievement Couple" award. Their contributions to the City and to the 13th Congressional District remain unmatched and I wish them luck in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE PERRY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this brief moment to congratulate and thank Mike Perry for his service and leadership on behalf of the Grand Valley over the last 15 years. In that time, Mike has overseen the opening of the now widely renowned Dinosaur Valley, served as the Director of the Museum of Western Colorado, and, for the last nine years, worked as the Executive Director of the Dinamation International Society. In that time, Mike has distinguished himself greatly. What's more, he has made our community a better place in which to live.

Unfortunately for western Colorado, Mike will be leaving the Grand Valley next month to pursue an outstanding professional opportunity in The Dalles, Oregon. Mike has taken the job of Director at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Wasco County Historical Museum in The Dalles area.

While saddened that Mike will no longer be a part of our community, I know that western Colorado is a better, more culturally vibrant place because of his service. Our loss, is clearly The Dalles' gain.

As Mike moves on to this new challenge, Mr. Speaker, I wish him only the best of luck in all of his personal and professional endeavors. We are thankful for his service over the past 15 years and wish him all the best in the future.

HONORING SYLVIA STAHL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Sylvia "Sally" Stahl, a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother is celebrating her 80th birthday and I want to take this occasion to join her family and her many friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

She has lived all of her 80 years in the Bronx where her parents instilled in her the virtues and ethics she has lived by and which she passed on to her children and grandchildren. Her parents, Max and Sarah, came to America from Eastern Europe so they and their children could enjoy the America's freedom.

She and her twin sister, Miriam, and her brother, Sydney, were raised in the Bronx.

She and her husband, Harry, purchased their home in the Allerton section of the borough, and she lives in that house still. She and Harry were both active in the community and Sally is still an active member of Hadassah. During World War II, when Harry served with the SeaBees, she worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

She also did volunteer work at Bronx Lebanon Hospital for more than 20 years. Sally has recovered from three bouts with cancer, but not even that could slow this remarkable lady down. She is still active and drives throughout the Bronx and Westchester County.

She is the mother of Robert and Paul, mother-in-law of Josephine and Helene, grandmother to Jarret, Lindsay, Dana and Eric. I am proud and honored to join Sally, her family and her friends on this wondrous occasion.

EARTH DAY INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce a resolution recognizing the growing observance of Earth Day. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans celebrated the first Earth Day. Since Earth Day's first observance, the number of Americans celebrating Earth Day and the number of countries observing Earth Day has steadily risen. In fact, Earth Day is now observed in more than 140 countries.

Every year on April 22, millions of Americans and millions of people throughout the world participate in activities that call attention to harmful human activities that impact our natural environment. These calls have not gone unanswered. Since the first observance of Earth Day, Congress has passed the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act in an effort to halt and roll back the harmful impacts of human activity. In addition, we have seen the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and just recently, in the House Committee on Resources, we witnessed a successful bipartisan effort to provide funding for an array of conservation and wildlife programs.

Earth Day provides an opportunity to learn about the positive actions we can take to improve energy efficiency; to develop safe, renewable energy sources; to design goods that are durable, reusable, and recyclable; and to eliminate the production of harmful wastes while protecting our environment and encouraging sustainable development throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution recognizes the importance of Earth Day and calls on the House of Representatives to recognize that Earth Day should be established to draw attention to the impact of human activity on the natural environment, to alert the world to environmental threats to human health and well-being, and advocate personal actions and public policies to promote and preserve a healthy, diverse, resilient, and productive

world for our children and our children's children.

This is a companion measure to one already introduced in the other chamber by Senator JEFF BINGAMAN of New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to support this worthy resolution.

HONORING JOHN OLSEN AS HE RECEIVES THE STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS LABOR MEDAL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend John W. Olsen as he receives the State of Israel Bonds Labor Medal for his lifelong contributions to the labor movement in the State of Connecticut.

Created in 1951, State of Israel Bonds serves as the cornerstone of Israel's economy. Committed to improving Israel's infrastructure as a whole, Israel Bonds provides financial support for the construction of research facilities, transportation networks, communications links, and the expansion of port and airport facilities. Its commitment to the betterment of Israel's people and its economy is unparalleled—helping transform the state of Israel into one of the world's leading industrial nations.

In many ways, John's commitment to the labor movement is reflective on Israel Bonds' commitment to the state of Israel. Since he began his career as a member of the UA Local 133, Plumbers and Pipefitters, John has dedicated his life to working families. He has fought for better wages, more comprehensive health benefits for workers and their families, and safer work environment. As President of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, John has forced the largest corporations in Connecticut to listen to their employees' and afford them these basic rights. He has been a true leader for our working families, giving them a voice during the hardest of economic times.

John has also worked hard to make Connecticut a better place to live and grow. He has been active in state and national politics, serving on the Democratic State Central Committee and the Democratic National Committee. He also serves on a number of boards and commissions with the purpose of making Connecticut's workers the most productive in the nation. Over the years, John has become an ambassador for the labor movement, spreading its message of helping and protecting working families through lectures, newspaper columns, and on the radio. We in Connecticut have much to thank John for—his contributions have been truly invaluable.

It is with great pride that I rise to join friends and family in saluting my dear friend, John, as he receives the State of Israel Bonds Labor Medal. Congratulations.